

How Uncle Sam Feeds and Clothes His Canal Employees

Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama. I want to tell you how Uncle Sam feeds and clothes his canal employees. When the old patriarch undertook this big job at Panama he found the stores here very poor. The native merchants did not understand the wants of the Americans and they tried to sell us poor stuff at high prices. It was absolutely necessary in the management of the canal to have the men well fed and well cared for, and so Uncle Sam became merchant, and he has established here one of the largest department stores of the world. He does not insist that any one buy of him, but his prices are so low and his goods are so good that no one thinks of purchasing anywhere else. The business began at the start of our work on the canal, and it has now grown until it amounts to almost \$4,000,000 per year. The number of consumers is now about 100,000, and this includes the families of both the silver and gold employees upon the canal and the railroad. All are practically dependent upon the government for their food and clothing, which Uncle Sam sells almost at cost. The government brings fresh bread to their front doors every morning. It puts away the ice in their refrigerators, and even supplies them with their fuel, which it stores away under the porch.

Uncle Sam's Big Mercantile Business. Before I take you through the immense warehouses and other government plants of this mercantile establishment here at Cristobal, let me give you a few items as to the extent of the business. The sales last year embraced more than 4,000,000 pounds of fresh beef, and a quarter of a million pounds of mutton and lamb. The chickens handled in Uncle Sam's grocery store numbered 400,000, and the turkeys and ducks one-fourth as many. He sold a half million pounds of bacon, 3,000,000 eggs and altogether over 30,000 tons of food supplies of one kind or other. Some of the groceries ran into the millions of pounds. This was so of the flour, which weighed 6,000,000 pounds, of rice, which weighed 2,000,000, and of evaporated and condensed milk, which footed up a gross of 3,000,000 pounds.

Uncle Sam sold last year a million pounds of peas and beans, 700,000 cans of tomatoes, 200,000 of fish and 50,000 cans of pork and beans. His sales of potatoes aggregated 7,000,000 pounds, and of onions more than a million. He sold 225,000 dozen oranges, 50,000 cantaloupes, 120,000 grape fruit and about 15,000 watermelons.

A little further on I will take you through his bakery here at Cristobal, where last year he made over 5,000,000 loaves of bread, sending out from 20,000 to 25,000 every day. We shall visit his laundry, where three and one-half million pieces of clothing were washed last year, and go into plants where 300,000 pounds of coffee were roasted, 1,000,000 worth of ice made and from more than 100,000 gallons of ice cream were shipped out to canal employees.

Indeed, our patriarchal uncle has institutions here big enough to supply almost every want of the Americans and foreigners who are employed upon the canal, and notwithstanding the fact that we are 2,000 miles from the base of supplies, he is satisfying these wants at prices as low as at home, and in some cases lower. Moreover, his business is not only self-supporting, but it pays a small profit. It is, in fact, one of the big little wonders of our great work at Panama.

How Uncle Sam Buys His Supplies. This great department store is under the commissary of the canal. Its head is Colonel Eugene T. Wilson, the chief subsistence officer, and its business is as carefully done as that of any great factory or trust. The purchases are in bulk and the prices are cut to the minimum. Competitive bids are gotten as to everything, and the government buys where it can get the best and the cheapest.

California products, for instance,

are shipped down by sea to save the cost of railroad transportation over the Continent. Some goods are bought in Europe and shipped direct to Panama. Tropical fruits come from Jamaica and the other islands of the West Indies, contracts for fresh meat are made annually at Chicago on the basis of a percentage above or below the sale of live animals in the stock yards as reported in the Drovers' Journal, and by the specifications only the highest class meat can be sold. The meat is so carefully packed and shipped that so carefully packed and shipped that 20,000,000 pounds have spoiled in a year, and it is delivered as fresh as though it came from a first-class butcher shop in Chicago.

The greatest care is taken as to the shipment of goods, all perishable stuff coming in cold storage chambers, and that in such a way that the loss is borne by the shipper. Many of the supplies are bought in bulk and put up in packages here. Some are manufactured on the ground, and, in fact, a mighty business is carried on at the lowest possible cost.

The government has a chemical laboratory to test its purchases, that it may know whether they are up to sample. It weighs everything, and it has weights and measures sent down by the Bureau of Standards at Washington. Some of the scales are so fine that they will weigh a pencil mark or a hair. In fact, I pulled out an eye-winker and laid it upon one of them. The test was made inside glass, and the needle indicated that it weighed one-tenth-thousandth of a gram.

The Government Cold Storage Plant. But we can see something of this feature of Uncle Sam's business here at Cristobal. Let us first enter the cold storage plant. This is made of cement and it covers acres. The building is one of the largest in the world, and it is so arranged that the goods can be taken from the ship to the cold storage chambers and from there to the retail stores and the consumers. There is one train which goes out every morning.

Before entering the cold storage plant, we are warned to beware of the cold. It is hot here in the tropics and the freezing chambers are almost as cold as the pole. The men bring us overcoats, and we jump from the heat to the cold. Our first room is a vegetable cooler, the temperature of which is fifty degrees below that on the outside of the building. We are in a long hall about fifty feet wide filled with

bales and boxes of vegetables and

fruit. There are tables at the sides at which men are sorting potatoes, cabbages, cucumbers and celery, picking out the bad and throwing away anything that is decayed or not up to sample. There are also pineapples and grape fruit from the West Indies, and as we pass the men tell us what they are now selling. 50,000 oranges and grape fruit every week. I ask what the grape fruit is worth and the cold-storage man replied:

"We are now selling them for 4 cents apiece, although the price quoted at home is 8 cents and upward."

Further on they are sorting lettuce and lemons. The lettuce comes from New Orleans, the lemons from Jamaica.

Eggs, Butter and Cheese. Passing through rooms kept cool by the dry air system, we enter storage halls devoted to eggs, butter and cheese. The cheeses are kept in themselves. They are of all sorts, from some as big as a wagon wheel to others no larger around than the palm of your hand. This room is kept cool by the brine system, and the pipes which line it are covered with snow. A little farther on is the egg cooler, which is also lined with brine pipes. It is filled with crates of fresh eggs, which are now being sold at the rate of 13,000 a day. Every egg has to be tested before it leaves this cold room, and over there at the right you may see the process of testing. It is done by means of a box, in which an electric light shines. The box is closed except for a hole the size of an egg in one side. The man takes an egg and places it over this hole. If it is good the light shines right through and makes it look like an egg of real gold. If it is bad the egg will not be transparent. It will look streaked and spotted, and if rotten almost black. All but the best eggs are rejected, and a record is kept of every egg handled. We look over the reports and find that in the last batch of 21,000 only forty-four eggs were bad, that is only about two bad eggs to the thousand. The eggs are all candied before they leave New Orleans, and only the good ones are paid for. Those which come cracked are saved and used in the bakery.

The same care is employed as to

the butter. Uncle Sam buys the best of the creameries can furnish, and that only in bulk. It used to be that butter was sent down in prints, but it was found that it cost 3 cents more per pound to bring it that way, and that it did not keep as well. For this reason the government has its own butter-cutting machines and it cuts and packs its own prints. The butter now sells at 42 cents a pound, and it is 4 cents more of the grade which costs 6 cents more than that in the States.

Fresh Beef for Panama. We find the chambers colder and colder as we go on with our journey. Those in which the turkeys, ducks, squabs and milk-fed chickens are kept are only twelve degrees above zero, and the fowls are frozen stiff. Here there are fresh fish, oysters, canvas back and teal ducks, as well as sweetbreads and other such things. I take one of the chickens in my hand, and, pound a box with it. It is as solid as ice, and I have little difficulty in breaking the boards.

A little further on is the meat cooler, the temperature of which keeps the flesh as hard as a glacier. Immense quarters of beef hang from the racks. There are 700 quarters in this single room, and this will last only five days. The beef comes in by the thousand at a shipload, and they go out almost as fast. It takes more than 6,000 cattle a year to supply the canal employees, and about a ton of pork chops are consumed every day. As to corned beef, the government makes its own. It has vats connected with the cold storage department which have a capacity of 20,000 pounds. It takes about 2,000 pounds of such meat every day to supply the demand.

100,000 Gallons of Ice Cream. Uncle Sam makes his own ice cream, and he sells his employees eighty thousand dollars worth every year. This is sent out in tubs to the hotels and the retail stores. The flavors are changed five or six times a week, and there is a special arrangement for supplying ice cream on Sundays. As to the ice itself, that is made in the cold storage plant. The amount manufactured is ninety tons a day, and

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